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SUBJECT: EIGHTH KOREA-UNITED STATES COMMERCE MINISTERS  
MEETING

FOLLOWING ARE FINAL DRAFTS APPROVED BY KREPS, TO BE  
TRANSLATED AND DISTRIBUTED AT THE AIRPORT.

1. STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JUANITA M. KREPS,  
PREPARED FOR DELIVERY ON ARRIVAL AT TOKYO INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, TOKYO,JAPAN, 4:30 P.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26,  
1977

THIS IS MY FIRST OFFICIAL TRIP ABROAD AS SECRETARY OF  
COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND I AM DELIGHTED FOR A  
NUMBER OF REASONS THAT IT INCLUDES THIS VISIT TO JAPAN.  
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JAPAN IS A BEAUTIFUL AND EXCITING COUNTRY TO VISIT,  
OFFICIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY, AND TOKYO IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S  
GREAT CAPITALS, BUT MORE IMPORTANT, AS FAR AS MY VISIT  
HERE THIS WEEK IS CONCERNED, IS THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP  
AND APPRECIATION THAT EXISTS BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND YOURS.

I AM HERE, AS YOU KNOW, TO CALL ON PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA, MINISTER TANAKA AND MINISTER SUZUKI, AND ALSO

TO OPEN AN IMPORTANT EXHIBITION OF AMERICAN BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT AT OUR U.S. TRADE CENTER IN TOKYO. I LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO MY MEETINGS WITH YOUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS, AND I CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO COME TO OUR EXHIBITION AND VIEW THE PRODUCTS THAT WILL BE ON DISPLAY THERE.

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DEVELOPED MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS ON A NUMBER OF LEVELS--ECONOMIC CULTURAL, POLITICAL; AND THE CLOSENESS OF THESE TIES HELPS US TO UNDERSTAND AND RESOLVE OUR DIFFERENT NEEDS. PRESIDENT CARTER NOTED THIS EARLIER THIS YEAR DURING MR. FUKUDA'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. "WE HAVE TIED OURSELVES

TOGETHER IN THE MOST CLOSE AND INTIMATE POSSIBLE POSITION," THE PRESIDENT SAID. "WE ARE TRULY PARTNERS IN THE FINEST SENSE OF THE WORD".

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES MAY BE NATIONS OF VASTLY DIFFERENT HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS, BUT WE RECOGNIZED LONG AGO THE MANY THINGS WE HAVE IN COMMON. OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS HAVE PROVIDED THE FOUNDATION FOR REMARKABLE COOPERATION, COOPERATION WHICH CONTINUES TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERVE US WELL.

I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE IN THE SPIRIT OF THAT COOPERATION. I AM CONFIDENT MY VISIT WILL BE A REWARDING ONE, BOTH OFFICIALLY AND PERSONALLY. THANK YOU

2. STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JUANITA M. KREPS, PREPARED FOR DELIVERY ON DEPARTURE FROM TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TOKYO, JAPAN, 10:20 A.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1977

SADLY MY VISIT TO JAPAN HAS BEEN BRIEF BUT I CAN SAY HONESTLY THAT IT HAS BEEN A DELIGHTFUL, INFORMATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

MY MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA, MINISTER TANAKA AND MINISTER SUZUKI WERE MOST CORDIAL AND VALUABLE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONTINUING CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

I DO NOT CLAIM TO BE AN INSTANT EXPERT ON JAPANESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF SUCH A BRIEF VISIT.

BUT WHAT I HAVE OBSERVED AND HEARD HERE IN THESE LAST  
TWO DAYS CONVINCES ME THAT FEW OTHER NATIONS IN THE WORLD  
COULD HAVE A BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP MORE COMPREHENSIVE  
OR BENEFICIAL THAN THAT BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED  
STATES.

I AM HAPPY TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT JAPAN.  
I REGRET THAT MY VISIT WAS SO SHORT. I LOOK FORWARD TO  
THE TIME WHEN I CAN RETURN AND STAY LONGER. THANK YOU. VANCE

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